

Notification of diving survey and dredging in Nanto Sealane of Kanmon Passage

Diver survey and dredging work will be implemented in the Nanto Sealane of the Kanmon Passage as follows. Vessels navigating in nearby sea areas are requested to take due care and give cooperation with the work.

1. Work schedule (subject to change due to weather, etc.)

Site	Type	Workboat	Boats	Area	Planned period	Work hours	Patrol boats
Nanto Sealane	Diver survey	Diver support boat	Max. 16	8 Work area	early-Jan.,2020 to Feb.,Late 2020	Sunrise to sunset	4
	Dredging	Drag suction dredge	1	8 Work area	early-Apr.,2020 to Jun.,Late 2020	Day/night	-

※Details, as well as any changes, pertaining to the period scheduled will be made available at the Kanmon Passage Office website.

(<http://www.pa.qsr.mlit.go.jp/kanmon/>)

2. Work site: Nanto Sealane area (see Fig. 1)

3. Work outline and safety measures

3-1 Diver survey

- 1) A maximum of 16 diver support boats will be deployed in parallel (Fig. 2).
- 2) Each diver support boat will support one diver.
- 3) On the diver support boats, international signal flag A will be flown to clearly show that the diver survey is being conducted (Fig. 3).
- 4) During diver survey work, four patrol boats showing warning signs (green-yellow-green streamers) will mark the area, one equipped with international VHF radio (Fig. 2, 4).
- 5) During diver work buoys will be deployed at the four corners, and if the work area exceeds 300 center buoys will also be deployed (Fig. 2, 5).
- 6) If there is a west-bound vessel of 10,000 GT or larger when carrying out diving exploration on the north side of the passage center line, the said vessel will retreat outside the passage. Also, if there is an east-bound vessel of 10,000 GT or larger when carrying out diving exploration on the south side of the passage center line, the said vessel will retreat outside the passage. Note that barrel-shaped buoys will also be removed when retreating.
- 7) Work will be halted in hazardous weather (visibility under 2000 m, wave height 0.7 m or higher, wind speed 10.0 m/s or higher)

3-2 Dredging

- 1) The government-owned Kaishomaru drag suction dredge will perform dredging along the sealane (Fig. 6, 7).
- 2) During dredging, the dredge will put up lights and shapes as specified in the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea for safety (Fig. 8).

4. For more information

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